

# Surface Methane Gas Monitoring at the Arecibo Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

**Quarterly Event Report** 

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Response Time	3.5 seconds
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Alarms	Low, high, STEL
Sample Flow Rate	1,000 cc/min nominal
Power	Rechargeable NiCd Battery
Logging Capacity	900-18,000 points mode specific
Temperature Range	0-40°C (32°F - 104°F)
Fuel	None required (PID); 99.995% hydrogen (FID)
Portable Operation Time	8 hours (with reference operating conditions)
Approximate Mass	5.8 kg (13 pounds)
Nominal Dimensions	13.5 x 10.3 x 3.2 inches (343 x 262 x 81 mm)
Analog Output	0-2V dc (non-calibrated)
Repeatability	+/- 1% (PID); +/- 2% (FID)
Autoranging	Yes
Diagnostics	Yes
Other Available Options: Carrying Case Charcoal Filter FID Calibration Kit PID/FID Calibration Kit	P/N CR012XL P/N 510095-1 P/N CR009UY P/N CR012UH

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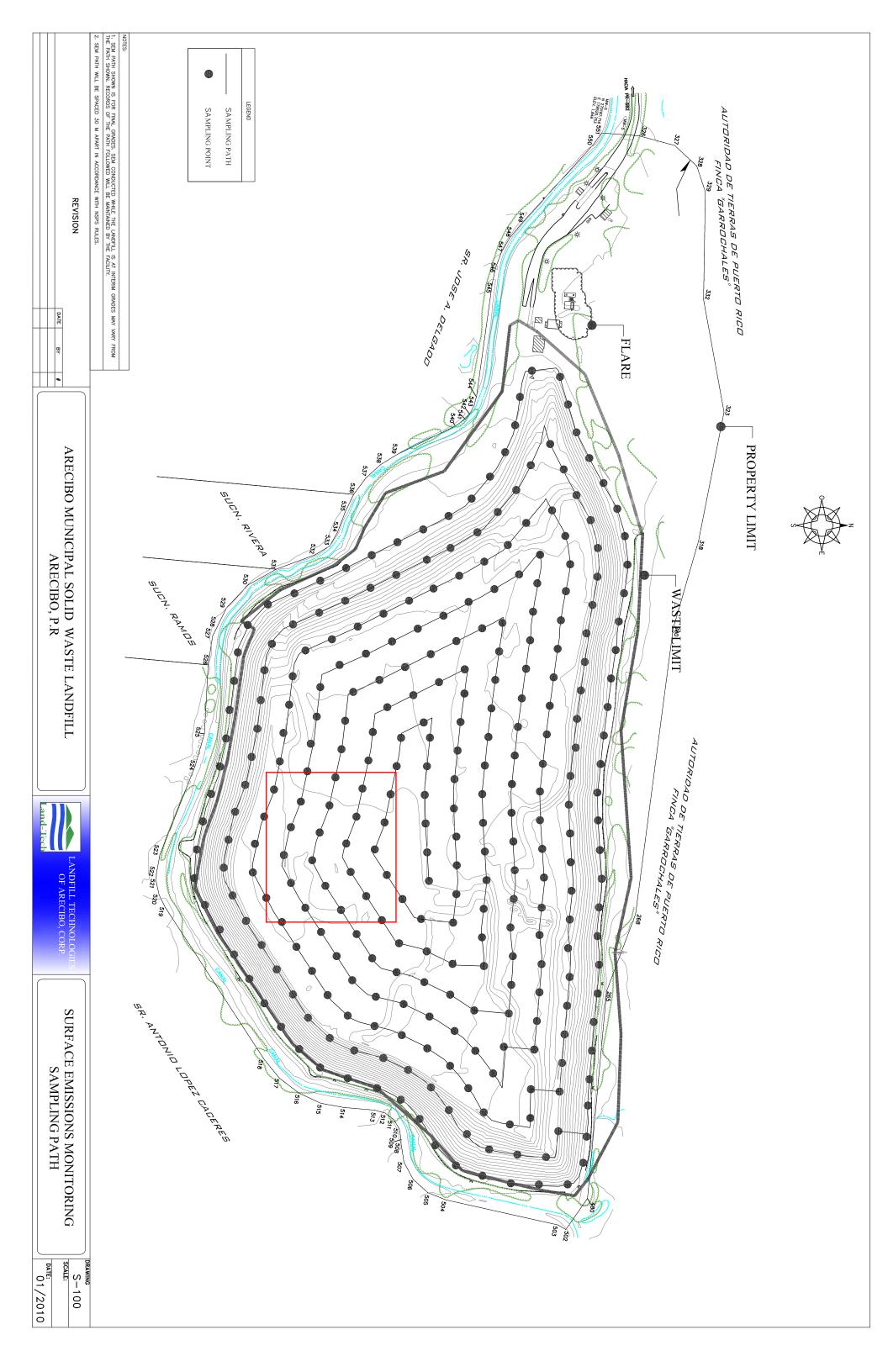
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# **APPENDIX B**

Sampling Points Locations from Arecibo Municipal Landfill





# **APPENDIX C**

Surface Emission Readings

TAG	DETECTOR	CONCENTRATION	CONCENTRATION UNIT	TYPE
DOWNWIND	FID	0.33	PPM	FE
UPWIND	FID	1.77	PPM	FE
POINT1	FID	0.82	PPM	FE
POINT2	FID	1.2	PPM	FE
POINT3	FID	6.3	PPM	FE
POINT4	FID	0.36	PPM	FE
POINT5	FID	0.63	PPM	FE
POINT6	FID	1.56	PPM	FE
POINT7	FID	1.2	PPM	FE
POINT8	FID	3.94	PPM	FE
POINT9	FID	3.13	PPM	FE
POINT10	FID	2.48	PPM	FE
POINT11	FID	0.65	PPM	FE
POINT12	FID	3.36	PPM	FE
POINT13	FID	1.4	PPM	FE
POINT14	FID	5.22	PPM	FE
POINT15	FID	1.15	PPM	FE
POINT16	FID	9.95	PPM	FE
POINT17	FID	6.64	PPM	FE
POINT18	FID	4.11	PPM	FE
POINT19	FID	19.54	PPM	FE
POINT20	FID	6.52	PPM	FE
POINT21	FID	7.4	PPM	FE
POINT22	FID	7.4	PPM	FE
POINT23	FID	16.87	PPM	FE
POINT24	FID	13.7	PPM	FE
POINT25	FID	1.33	PPM	FE
POINT26	FID	1.41	PPM	FE
POINT27	FID	6.39	PPM	FE
POINT28	FID	6.14	PPM	FE
POINT29	FID	4.73	PPM	FE
POINT30	FID	2.84	PPM	FE
POINT31	FID	1.87	PPM	FE
POINT32	FID	2.71	PPM	FE
POINT33	FID	0.61	PPM	FE
POINT34	FID	0.76	PPM	FE
POINT35	FID	0.8	PPM	FE
POINT36	FID	1.58	PPM	FE
POINT37	FID	0.6	PPM	FE
POINT38	FID	5.83	PPM	FE
POINT39	FID	7.14	PPM	FE
POINT40	FID	1.96	PPM	FE
POINT41	FID	1.19	PPM	FE
POINT42	FID	2.95	PPM	FE

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POINT43	FID	20.93	PPM	FE
POINT44	FID	6.73	PPM	FE
POINT45	FID	1.66	PPM	FE
POINT46	FID	9.08	PPM	FE
POINT47	FID	9.51	PPM	FE
POINT48	FID	2.99	PPM	FE
POINT49	FID	1.68	PPM	FE
POINT50	FID	4.4	PPM	FE
POINT51	FID	4.12	PPM	FE
POINT52	FID	6.13	PPM	FE
POINT53	FID	2.02	PPM	FE
POINT54	FID	0.31	PPM	FE
POINT55	FID	111.88	PPM	FE
POINT56	FID	9.47	PPM	FE
POINT57	FID	5.37	PPM	FE
POINT58	FID	77.98	PPM	FE
POINT59	FID	294.96	PPM	FE
POINT60	FID	7.60	PPM	FE
POINT61	FID	65.75	PPM	FE
POINT62	FID	24.34	PPM	FE
POINT63	FID	1.78	PPM	FE
POINT64	FID	25.58	PPM	FE
POINT65	FID	12.43	PPM	FE
POINT66	FID	3.54	PPM	FE
POINT67	FID	153.41	PPM	FE
POINT68	FID	117.44	PPM	FE
POINT69	FID	6.89	PPM	FE
POINT70	FID	1.34	PPM	FE
POINT71	FID	236.71	PPM	FE
POINT72	FID	14.37	PPM	FE
POINT73	FID	32.66	PPM	FE
POINT74	FID	25.53	PPM	FE
POINT75	FID	22.11	PPM	FE
POINT76	FID	4.42	PPM	FE
POINT77	FID	6.68	PPM	FE
POINT78	FID	4.64	PPM	FE
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POINT91	FID	5.74	PPM	FE
POINT92	FID	19.01	PPM	FE
POINT93	FID	11.86	PPM	FE
POINT94	FID	11.49	PPM	FE
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POINT121	FID	15.90	PPM	FE
POINT122	FID	26.61	PPM	FE
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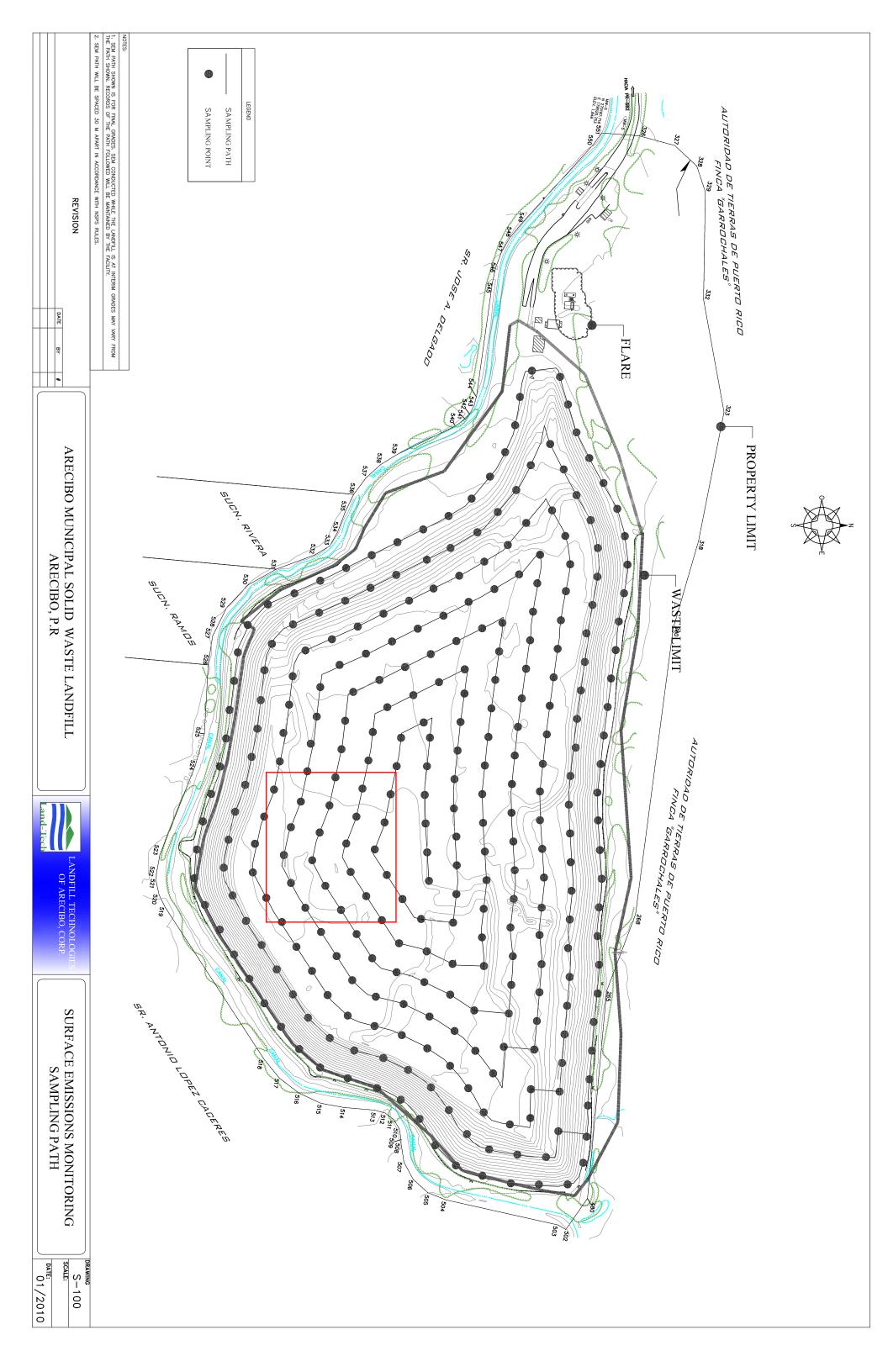
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POINT38	FID	10.47	PPM	FE
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POINT49	FID	2.04	PPM	FE
POINT50	FID	5.24	PPM	FE
POINT51	FID	5.15	PPM	FE
POINT52	FID	6.63	PPM	FE
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POINT54	FID	0.41	PPM	FE
POINT55	FID	194.82	PPM	FE
POINT56	FID	18.8	PPM	FE
POINT57	FID	10.85	PPM	FE
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POINT61	FID	140.34	PPM	FE
POINT62	FID	44.31	PPM	FE
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POINT66	FID	6.48	PPM	FE
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POINT68	FID	155.15	PPM	FE
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POINT70	FID	2.22	PPM	FE
POINT71	FID	331.97	PPM	FE
POINT72	FID	22.62	PPM	FE
POINT73	FID	48.42	PPM	FE
POINT74	FID	41.78	PPM	FE
POINT75	FID	34.98	PPM	FE
POINT76	FID	7.17	PPM	FE
POINT77	FID	10.76	PPM	FE
POINT78	FID	6.87	PPM	FE
POINT79	FID	22.54	PPM	FE
POINT80	FID	6.79	PPM	FE
POINT81	FID	6.18	PPM	FE
POINT82	FID	25.96	PPM	FE
POINT83	FID	12.78	PPM	FE
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POINT93	FID	18.2	PPM	FE
POINT94	FID	19.71	PPM	FE
POINT95	FID	17.41	PPM	FE
POINT96	FID	14.55	PPM	FE
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POINT103	FID	4.18	PPM	FE
POINT104	FID	13.44	PPM	FE
POINT105	FID	0.76	PPM	FE
POINT106	FID	9.79	PPM	FE
POINT107	FID	4.21	PPM	FE
POINT108	FID	29.38	PPM	FE
POINT109	FID	20.46	PPM	FE
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POINT124	FID	77.92	PPM	FE
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POINT126	FID	24.95	PPM	FE
POINT127	FID	27.59	PPM	FE
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